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Examiner: Rebecca L. Anderson
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Applicants: Michael R. Hale et al.
For: ISOXAZOLE COMPOSITIONS USEFUL AS INHIBITORS OF ERK

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the November 3, 2005 Office Action. A response was due February 3, 2006. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for a two-month extension of time up to, and including, April 3, 2006. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Reply.

Remarks begin on 18 of this Reply.